

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004, claims 5-7 and 13-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,776,307; claims 1 and 10 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,776,307 in view of Herzig; and claims 2-4, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, provided herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer so as to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

In view of the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 1-16, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

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